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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 8/25/2006 is non-responsive (37 CFR 1.111) because it has amended the claims originally acted on so that they are no longer directed to the invention originally acted on.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.142 (b) and MPEP 821.03.

2. The originally claimed invention was directed towards a method for consolidating financing in an internet exchange portal. The newly presented invention in amended claims 1, 9 and 17 is directed towards a method for consolidating financing in an internet exchange portal that operates as an online auction for selling goods. These two inventions are unrelated.

As specifically pointed out by applicant himself on page 10 in the "Remarks" section of said 8/25/2006 amendment, even applicant considers the newly amended claim to be directed to an invention different from the originally claimed invention because applicant states in said 8/25/2006 amendment (first paragraph of page 10, reproduced below) that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 in the 4/6/06 Office action are no longer applicable.

"As yet another example, independent claim 1 recites receiving financing applications at an internet exchange portal that "operates as an online auction for selling goods." Independent claim 9 recites an internet exchange portal that "hosts auctions for selling goods" and independent claim 17 recites an internet exchange portal that "includes an online auction for goods." Maxwell teaches a web client that navigates the internet to websites having forms. Maxwell never teaches or even suggests an internet exchange portal that operates as an online auction for selling goods or hosts auctions for selling goods or includes an online auction for goods."

3. If applicant desires to have the amended claim considered on the merits, such could be accomplished by the appropriate filing of a divisional application.

4. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

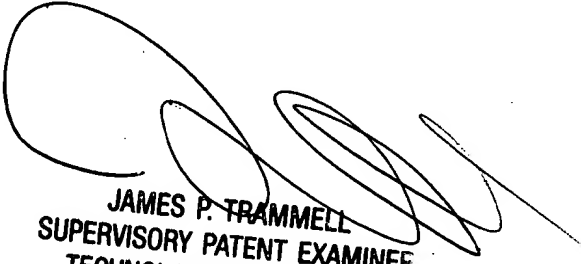
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel L. Greene Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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